

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Friday Morning, Feb. 28, 1868.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

Auction Sales To-day.

P. M. BACKUS... Wharf street... will sell, at 11 a.m., Apples and Peas.

'The plot thickens.' The 'irrepressible conflict' between President Johnson and his contumacious Congress is assuming a more serious and alarming shape. The President, refusing to recognise Stanton as Secretary of War, has appointed a General Thomas temporarily to perform the duties; but Stanton has been requested by the Senate not to 'recognise' the President and to 'hold on to the office until otherwise advised by the Senate. This he has promised to do; and it is added that he has the sympathy of General Grant and may count upon his active support should an attempt be made to unseat him. On the 25th the Senate impeached the President, alleging that by his course in removing Stanton he was 'guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors.' Mr. Banks, in the House, has reported a bill which demands for naturalized citizens in their native country the same privileges as are accorded native born American citizens; and in case 'any (naturalized) citizen shall have been arrested and detained, whose release upon demand shall have been unnecessarily delayed or refused, the President' is empowered to order the arrest of any foreign citizens or subjects within the jurisdiction of the United States, and detain them in custody until the demand shall be complied with and the citizens released. This bill has a warlike tendency. It is intended to reach such cases as those of the Fenians convicted of treason and murder, who claimed to be naturalized American citizens, and demanded to be tried by a mixed jury of Americans and Englishmen. The demand was not acceded to—the English judges deciding that a British subject can never forswear his allegiance. The Fenians were tried as British subjects and hanged or imprisoned. Whether Gen. Banks intends the bill shall have an *ex post facto* effect, and wishes the President to demand the release of Fenians convicted under the ruling of the English judges, is not stated; but we presume the object of the bill is to apply only to future cases, for how could the wretches lately hanged come in for their share of its benefits? The misunderstanding on this point is unfortunate; and the passage of the bill by Congress will scarcely induce Great Britain to recede from her position in this respect. The subject is one that would properly form the basis of a treaty between the two nations; but *ex parte* legislation will never settle the disputed point. The clause empowering the President to adopt retaliatory measures upon the persons of citizens of any country declining to extend to naturalized citizens of the United States similar privileges to those it accords native-born citizens, points directly to the British Minister, for it is not to be supposed the President would pass over the Minister and "take up" a British subject of lesser note. Should this bill pass, and should a case of the nature complained of recur in Great Britain, and should the British Minister or any other subject of the Queen be imprisoned in retaliation, there will be sufficient cause for war—precisely what the Fenians are striving to bring about, and precisely what the Americans least desire. But we don't believe Mr. Banks' bill is anything more serious than a bid for the Irish vote at the approaching Presidential election—a straw intended to tickle the Emerald Islanders into good humor with the Radicals and secure the return of the candidates of that party. After election Paddy and his grievances will rest on the shelf until his vote is again required.

At a recent New York party, a new figure was introduced into the "German," called "Le Gant." The head or leading couple commenced the figure by dancing a galop once round the room, after which the lady distributes to each gentleman a pair of lady's light evening gloves, and the gentleman presents to each lady a pair of gentleman's gloves—which, on this occasion, were orange-colored dog-skin. Then each couple waltz round the room a few times, when two lines are formed—the ladies on one side of the room and the gentlemen opposite. The next movement is the famous "forward two," when a general exchange of gloves takes place, the gentlemen receiving from the ladies their dog-skin gloves, and they in return presenting each lady with a pair of evening gloves. The gloves are fastened by a light colored ribbon to the button hole or bracelet. The figure is concluded by dancing the *trois temps*.

Smuggling as a Fine Art.

HOW IT IS PRACTICED IN NEW YORK—SOME INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

The New York Tribune publishes an extended report of frauds on the customs at that port, and specifies some instance which have occurred within a few weeks. When a foreign steamer arrives and the baggage of the passengers is all on the wharf, the following scenes usually take place:

The Inspectors detailed for the vessel while in port take charge, and seal the hatches. The passengers descend to the pier, and the inspection begins. Each passenger, before the examination, fills out a blank form, in which he enumerates the contents of his trunks. If there is nothing but his own wearing apparel, he certifies that there are no new or dutiable articles within. Then commences the ludicrous scenes. They are requested to unlock their trunks.

The ready, easy manner with which many open them, without being called upon, produces a good effect, convincing the officer that they have travelled, and therefore understand the form. He gently passes his hand down the inner side and under a few articles of clothing, shuts the lid, and chalks it 'O.K.' But you must not fancy yourself safe. Keen grey eyes are watching you from a distance, and noting if there is any expression of exultation. If one is nervous or irritable, he goes through another ordeal. He is suspected. His trunk is measured inside and out, the sides and the top sounded, and a general manipulation takes place. If anything dutiable or new is found, it is immediately confiscated, and becomes the property of Uncle Samuel. In the meantime the Deputy Surveyor and his aids are taking a general survey of the scene of operations.

One of the aids has his eye on a large, heavy looking man, who is wrapped up in a great coat. He walks like an invalid, and is attended by a friend who has met him on the pier. The aid thinks his garments fit him too 'muchly,' he takes the Inspector aside and informs him that after he (the officer) has examined his baggage he will stumble over his valise or bag. Of course the large man with so much clothing on will stoop to pick up his baggage, which has been so suddenly and clumsily misplaced, at which time the Inspector must watch his back.

The ruse succeeds; the back of his coat appears as if it covered a pan full of biscuits. Trembling with fear the passenger is taken inside the small office and from under his coat is drawn a well padded vest containing fifty gold watches. He is now subjected to a thorough examination; his boot legs and heels do not escape their scrutiny. The heel of one boot is found to be hollow—off it goes and inside is found snugly ensconced in cotton two brilliant worth \$2,000. When entirely stripped of his superfluous garments he appears like a second "Calvin Edson."

Another victim has been selected and he is called aside for corporeal examination. He is very portly and tries to be jolly. He laughs boisterously, and informs the officers that he supposes he must do his duty. Underneath his shirt are hundreds of yards of costly lace deftly wound around his waist. After the officers have denuded him of his smuggled undergarments he looks more like a plucked fowl than a human being. Another man has passed the inspection, and his trunks are strapped to the rack of the carriage. He seems very much elated and is in a great hurry. On his arms he carries a lap rug, of which he seems to be very careful. As he is about to step into the carriage the aid taps him on the shoulder and accosts him familiarly. He asks him if he enjoyed his trip, and gives him a friendly poke in the ribs, by which he detects a rather spongy something about the waist. Of course an examination follows, and he turns out to be another 'lace reel.' The lap rug is ripped open and found to contain more of the same precious material, point applique and Valenciennes lace, appraised at \$12,000. These three men are professional smugglers, who in all probability have made several successful trips. After being detected and stripped of their valuables they are set at liberty.

A FRAGRANT COSMETIC.

To preserve the soft, clear color of the skin, even to an advanced age, take of the genuine HOLLOWAY'S PILLS, FLORIDA WATER one part of pure water three parts; mix, and bathe the face, neck and arms five or six times a day.

To prevent disappointment, buyers should always ask for the Florida Water, prepared by the sole proprietors, Lauman & Kemp, New York.

Plain Truths.

Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure scrofula and old sores.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure tumors and ulcers.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure cancerous diseases.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure all skin diseases.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure abscesses.
Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills cure bad blood and humors.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs and Kidneys.—A large number of internal maladies arise from obstructions, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for almost all chronic affections—such as liver complaint, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and if neglected lay the foundations of incurable diseases. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action places them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism, these Pills have raised for themselves an universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour.

The best Remedy for Purifying the Blood, strengthening the Nerves, Restoring the Lost Appetite, PRESERVING HARMLESS TEA.
It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given safely to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every bottle.
For sale at all the wholesale and retail drug stores and groceries.

EMIL FRER, Wholesale Druggist, Sole Agent, 410 Clay St., San Francisco, U.S.

New Advertisements.

Esquimaux Board of Road Commission.

TENDERS ARE REQUIRED ON OR before 12 o'clock on THURSDAY, 31 March, for Graveling and Graveling that portion of the Craigflower Road, 400 yards more or less, lately included in the city limits (Victoria W. M.).
Specifications may be seen and full particulars obtained at the office of the undersigned, Government street.
By order, E. MALLANDRAINE, Esq., Clerk to the Board of Road Commission.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO ANNOUNCE that he has sold the 'UNION MEAT MARKET' corner of Fort and Douglas streets, Victoria, to Mr. J. H. MURRAY, who will take effect on and after 1st March; and would respectfully solicit for his successor in business a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed on him.
JOHN MURRAY.
Feb. 28, 1868.

IN REFERENCE TO THE

above, the undersigned wishes to say that he will continue the business as above, and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of the

BEST QUALITY OF

ISLAND FED MEATS,

which he will sell at the lowest market rates, and trusts by strict attention to the wants of his customers to merit and receive a share of public patronage.
JOS. BLACKBURN.

New Advertisements.

Theatre Royal.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4th, Benefit of MR GEO. EDWARDS

The Comic Vocalist and Comedian, on which occasion he will appear in two favorite characters, "Toby Twinkle" and "Tom Tug," and also sing the great song of the day in England, "NOT FOR JOSEPH!"

Mrs. Jenny Arnot Fowles, Miss Lizzie Yeomans, Charles Clarke, K. G. Marsh, Mrs. Marsh, George Marsh, and a Host of Others.

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD!

SONGS, DUETS, &c.

And the Operatic Force of the

YOUNG WATERMAN!

The Zealous Band in Choice Music, &c.

Admission—Dress Circle and Parquette, \$1; Pit, 60c; Secured Seats, \$1.25.
Hours open at 7; curtain rises at 7.30. fcs2

Theatre Royal.

Grand Entertainment!

THURSDAY EVENING, March 5th,

A performance will take place at the Theatre Royal

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL,

BENEFIT OF THE STEAM FIRE ENGINE FUND

TIGER COMPY

ALHAMBRA TROUPE,

ASSISTED BY NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS

Tickets to be had from members of the Company. fcs2

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE late firm of Harris & Murray are requested to make payment of the same to the undersigned, who is alone authorised to receive the same without any interference from his late partner, Mr. Thomas Harris.
JOHN MURRAY,
Union Market, corner Fort and Douglas streets;
City Market, store street, Victoria.
Dec. 27, 1867. fcs2

SUGAR

—AND—

MOLASSES

Ex ROBERT COWAN,

Just Arrived

FROM HONOLULU.

For Sale by

J. ROBERTSON STEWART.

19th February, 1868. fcs2w

SUGARS & COFFEES

Ex "Maunaloa,"

From Sandwich Islands

For Sale by

LOWE BROTHERS,

Wharf street.

G. SUTRO & CO.,

Corner of Yates and Wharf Streets,

IMPORTERS OF

Groceries, Provisions,

CIGARS

AND

TOBACCO.

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A.D. 1860!

MERCADE & SEULLY ARE

and have been the SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF THE RAINBOW WINE BOTTLES since 1860. This most delicate and WINE BOTTLES has become the ACCEPTED FORM OF BOTTLES OF THE PEOPLE, and is now the only one of its kind in the world. None can compare with the RAINBOW BOTTLES. For sale everywhere. Depot, basement of California Financiers, Montgomery street, between Jackson and Pacific. fcs22lv

C. F. BARNARD, M. D.

Mechanical & Surgical Dentist.

OFFICE:—Douglas street, first house on the right south of Fort street.

BRANCHES OF THE

Profession skillfully executed. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Chloroform, Ether, or Nitrogenous Spray.

Charges for the Extraction of Adult Teeth and Children's Second Teeth, without "Spray" or Chloroform \$1 each. Charge for Fillings and other Work, reduced, so as to conform to the exigencies of the time.

Plates of Silver, Gold, or Vulcanite neatly, strongly and satisfactorily repaired, whether partially broken or completely divided in two. Advice gratis.

Victoria, V. I., B. C., Aug. 30th, 1867. fcs10lv

DR. G. W. COOL,

DENTIST

HAS OPENED A TEMPORARY OFFICE

at the

Photographic Gallery, over the Theatre

The Doctor will only remain in town EIGHT DAYS, during which time he will be prepared to execute all work in his line at his ordinary reasonable rates. fcs20lv

New Advertisements.

ROYAL

INSURANCE COMPY

FIRE AND LIFE.

Head Offices—Liverpool & Lon on.

Capital—£2,000,000 Stg.

Accumulated Funds in hand

£1,200,000 Stg.,

ANNUAL INCOME—£700,000 Sterling.

Chairman... Charles Turner, Esq., M.P.
Manager and Actuary... Percy M. Dove, Esq.

Fire Department.

The undersigned, Agents, will receive proposals and effect Insurances on all classes of Fire risks. The Company is enabled to direct the attention of the public with every confidence to the advantages offered in this Branch.

The guarantee of an ample Capital, besides an accumulated Fire Reserved Fund of over £110,000 sterling.

Moderate Premiums.

Prompt and Liberal settlement of Losses.

Loss and damage by explosion of Gas made good.

Life Department.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, the Agents are authorized to give

SPECIAL NOTICE

The present participating Policy-holders, and all holders of participating Policies issued after 1st January 1868, will become entitled to an increased share of the Profits.

The undersigned, Agents, also wish to direct the attention of the public to some other of the advantages offered by the Company in this Department.

In addition to the guarantee of an ample Capital, the very large Life Reserved Fund of over £900,000.

The large Distribution of Profits, divided every five years, amounting since 1855 to two per cent. per annum on the sum assured,—the greatest bonus ever continuously declared by any Company on all its participating Policies.

The power of the Agents to accept lives without transmitting the proposal to England.

SPROAT & CO.,

STORE STREET,

Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia. fcs20lv

New Advertisements.

THE VICTORIA

Seed and Nursery Establishment,

Yates street - - - Victoria,

(NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S OFFICE.)

MITCHELL & JOHNSTON

BY REQUEST OF NUMEROUS FRIENDS, HAVE OPENED THE ABOVE Establishment, where a supply of first-class articles will be kept constantly on hand, Wholesale and Retail, at the lowest remunerative prices. They have just received per Express, from the celebrated house of P. LAWSON & SONS, of London and Edinburgh, a large supply of

NEW SEEDS FOR THE FARM & GARDEN,

UNDER WARRANTY AS TO QUALITY AND GROWTH.

In addition to old favorites, will be found many VALUABLE NOVELTIES, now for the first time introduced into this Colony. They have also

Selected Seeds of Island Growth.

All Seeds tested before sent out.

In their Nursery Grounds, situated on Fort street, will be cultivated only the choicest Fruit Trees, Flowers, Shrubs, &c., suitable for this climate.

Gardens, Orchards, Pleasure Grounds, &c., laid out, planted by contract or otherwise. Greenhouses built and heated on most approved principles.

Yates street, Victoria, Feb. 1st, 1868.

The GARDENERS CHRONICLE AND AGRICULTURAL GAZETTE can be read at our Store. fcs22m

Birmingham House,

WHOLESALE & RETAIL HARDWARE STORE,

Fort Street (opposite Broad Street).

The above Establishment was OPENED on MONDAY, 9th December, with a Full and General Assortment of

ENGLISH & AMERICAN HARDWARE

Just received per "MERCARA," from Liverpool, and ex late arrivals from San Francisco, comprising in part as follows:

Filters,
Sponge and Hip Baths,
Coal Vases, &c.
Nursery Fenders,
Fire Guards,
Enamelled Ware,
China Candelsticks,
Toilet Cans,
Skittles,
Lanterns of all kinds,

E. P. Cruet Frames,
E. P. Tea and Coffee Services,
E. P. Spoons and Forks,
E. P. Candlesticks,
Moderator Globes and Chimnies,
Coal Oil Lamps, &c.
Bar Tumblers,
Boilers, from 16 to 50 gallons,
Brushes and Brooms,
Cutlery.

And every description of Carpenter's and Builder's Hardware and Tools.

KENT & EVANS,

Managers.

FRESH SEEDS.

Yates street, - - - Victoria.

JAY & BALES

Are prepared to supply FRESH Island raised and Imported

Agricultural, Vegetable & Flower Seeds

Of every description, Wholesale and Retail, at greatly reduced prices.

Seeds carefully packed for travel. Tests on view at the Store. ja22 d&w

Scotch House.

A. M'LEAN & CO.

GENERAL OUTFITTERS,

Beg to intimate that they have received

A very Choice Assortment of Goods for the Winter and Fall Trade, comprising:

Gentlemen's Clothing,
Underclothing,
Baltic and White Shirts,
Waterproof Coats,
Hats, Boots, &c., &c., &c.

—ALSO—

BOYS' CLOTHING,

In Suits, Pants & Inverness Capes in great variety

All which they can with confidence recommend, and would solicit an early inspection of the same, as they will be sold at the smallest possible advance on English cost, to make room for other shipments. fcs112m

BEST CLOTHING STORE

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE,

W. WILSON'S.

CLOTHING

—AND—

UNDERCLOTHING

BEST VALUE, BEST QUALITY,

LARGEST ASSORTMENT

RECEIVED LAST STEAMER.

